

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please replace FIG. 1 with the corresponding attached Replacement Sheet.

REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the time taken by the Examiner to review Applicant's present application. Claims 1-61 remain pending in this application. This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Official Action mailed March 25, 2005. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Title Objections

The title stands objected to as being non-descriptive. The applicant has amended the title. Accordingly, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Drawing Objections

The drawings stand objected to as being informal and of poor quality. Applicant has amended Figure 1. Annotated Marked-up Drawings, concurrently submitted herewith, includes annotations to show the changes to the drawing more clearly.

Referring to FIG. 1, Applicant has made FIG. 1 more legible in accordance with the suggestions of the Examiner. Applicant submits that no new matter has been added. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-61 stand rejected as obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,591,266 ("Li") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,697,849 ("Carlson"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. More specifically, Applicant respectfully submits that the subject matter of Claims 1-61 of the present application was invented prior to the effective date of the Li reference.

The effective date of a U.S. patent, U.S. patent application publication, or international application publication under PCT Article 21(2) is the earlier of its publication date or date that it is effective as a reference under 35 U.S.C. 102(e). See 37 C.F.R. 1.131. Applicant notes that the effective date on which the Li reference becomes available as prior art is the filing date of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/218,418 on which Li is based. Namely, July 14, 2000. Applicant respectfully submits that the subject matter of the present application was invented before the July 14, 2000 effective date of the Li reference.

Mr. Conleth S. O'Connell (an employee of Vignette Corporation) conceived of the invention of the present application prior to July 14, 2000, the filing date of the provisional application to which Li claims priority. More specifically, the invention of the present application was conceived of on or before January 7, 2000, as evidenced by the email and attachment sent by Mr. O'Connell on January 7, 2000. The attachment to the email of January 7, 2000 demonstrates a conception of the invention described and claimed in the present application. See, Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. 1.131 (the "O'Connell Decl.") ¶¶1-5, appended hereto as Exhibit 1. Additionally, the invention of the present application was subsequently reduced to practice by the filing, on September 29, 2000, of U.S. Provisional Application 60/236,618 on which the present application is based.

As the subject matter of the present application was conceived on or before January 7, 2000 and subsequently reduced to practice by the filing of a provisional patent application on September 29, 2000; Applicant respectfully submits that the subject matter of the present application was invented prior to July 14, 2000, the effective date on which the Li reference is available as prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102(e). Consequently, Applicant respectfully submits that the Li reference is not available as prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103, and respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 1-61 over the combination of the Li and Carlson references.

CONCLUSION

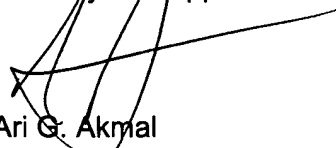
Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. Other than as explicitly set forth above, this reply does not include acquiescence to statements, assertions, assumptions, conclusions, or any combination thereof in the Office Action. For the foregoing reasons and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of Claims 1-61.

An extension of 2 (two) months is requested and a Notification of Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 with the appropriate fee is enclosed herewith.

The Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-3183 of Sprinkle IP Law Group.

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Annotated Marked-up Drawing

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FIG. 1

